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12 December 1958

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Colonel White, [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Sheldon, [redacted]

Mr. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted a cable to [redacted] containing State Department disapproval for [redacted] to accompany the President of [redacted] during his forthcoming trip to the United States and asked [redacted] to send a supplementary message to [redacted] advising him that in addition to the reasons contained in the above cited cable, it was Headquarters' strong feeling that, [redacted]

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b. Asked [redacted] to have the PP Staff consider what might be done to bring out world-wide the feeling of the East German people regarding the current Berlin situation. The Director said he had been thinking about this and felt there was a good opportunity to "foul up" Khrushchev's proposed plan to return East Berlin to the East Germans.

GENERAL CABELL:

Referred to his memorandum containing a proposal that a manpower task force be appointed to make a complete manpower survey of the Agency for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Director where and how personnel can be reduced. The Director stated that he was in general agreement with General Cabell's proposal and the IG's comments thereon, and it was his desire that this task force be organized immediately and put to work. Considerable discussion followed as to membership of the task force and its terms of reference. The Director commented it was his thought that probably the IG should be the chairman with representatives from DD/P, DD/I, and DD/S. General Cabell said he felt that Mr. Kirkpatrick did not have the time to devote his full energies to this program and still carry out his duties as IG. General Cabell further stated that he had thought of [redacted] as the chairman and Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested [redacted] as the DD/P

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representative, [ ] from DD/S, and possibly [ ]  
[ ] from DD/I. [ ] said he would like to have a few  
days to think this over and the Director agreed. Mr. Sheldon pointed  
out that insofar as the terms of reference are concerned, it was his  
feeling that the task force should deal first with functional problems  
and the reduction of personnel to follow therefrom. Colonel White  
pointed out that we are under a mandate with no commitment on the  
part of the DCI from the Bureau of the Budget to reduce personnel  
by 1% in FY 59 and 2% in FY 60 and he strongly recommended that  
we solve this problem immediately. It was also noted that the task  
force, in its survey of personnel, could spot functional problems  
and refer these to the Director for further action. It was agreed  
that those sitting around the table are the only ones who can give  
policy guidance and make decisions insofar as changes in functional  
activities are concerned and as these problems come to the attention  
of the task force, it will be the responsibility of the chairman to  
bring them to the attention of the Director. After some further dis-  
cussion, it was also agreed that General Cabell would rewrite his  
paper and present it for the consideration of those present at  
Monday's Deputies' Meeting. At that time, composition of the task  
force will also be discussed and in all probability Mr. Kirkpatrick  
will be designated as the liaison officer between the Director and  
his Deputies and the members of the task force. It was suggested  
that he (Mr. Kirkpatrick) might meet with the task force two or  
three times a week and thereby keep the Director and his Deputies  
advised of the progress of the task force. It was also suggested  
that it might be appropriate and helpful if the chairman of the task  
force attended a Deputies' Meeting once a month to furnish a  
report and seek guidance on functional problems.

[ ]

Noted that upon assumption of his duties as DD/P, he could no  
longer chair PRC meetings. At the request of the Director, Mr.  
Kirkpatrick undertook to prepare, in coordination with [ ]  
recommendations for the Director's approval on how the PRC could  
be strengthened. In short, the IG is to look into the whole structure  
of the PRC.

DR. KENT:

Noted that [ ] had finished his stint with [ ] and  
does not desire an extension. The Director noted [ ] had

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called him about this and if  wishes to return to the Agency, there is, of course, no objection.

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